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Search Notes

Dear Examiner Bates:

Here are the results of your search on case #09/729568. Please let me know if you have any questions about the search, or if you'd like me to refocus it.

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SEARCH REQUEST FORM

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Requester's Full Name: Kevin Bates Examiner #: 79966 Date: 3/21/07
 Art Unit: 2155 Phone Number: 2-3980 Serial Number: 09/729,569
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Title of Invention: Apparatus and Method for Computation of a Pricing Index

Inventors (please provide full names): Tomoshi Hirayama
Hisashi Tomita

Earliest Priority Filing Date: 12/09/1999

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This case needs a business method template search.

The claims contain a combination of digital rights management

restricting the number of copies of data can be made by a user
 attaching the digital signature or security to the copies

Also it contains a business method of determining a price index for digital content

it attempts to calculate demand for the item based on:
 how many times it gets downloaded and
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Watermarks to deter digital piracy

NEW STRAITS TIMES (MALAYSIA)
September 23, 1999
Journal Code: FNST Language: English Record Type: FULLTEXT
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...the digital content. For example, a creator of a digital music may want to monitor how many times users have downloaded a particular song.

One common feature in all watermarks is that they all store cryptographic keys. These keys...

...can also decide to choose "copy many times" attribute which will allow the user to copy the content several times. However, the copying is limited to a specific number of copies, for example, 20 times. Once the specified...

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Music, Technology Industry Targets Online Piracy

Clint Swett
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December 16, 1998
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Music, Technology Industry Targets Online Piracy

...the music and technology industries announced Tuesday that they are joining forces to thwart music **pirating** on the Internet while, at the same time, encouraging the distribution of their artists over...

...T said they will develop technology that would allow the recording industry to charge for **downloading** the music. The technology also would prevent the music from being copied without paying royalties to the artists or the record companies.

...they envi Continued from page E1
sion all technologies will be compatible so consumers can **download** music with a wide variety of hardware and software.
Hilary Rosen, president and chief executive officer...

...hovering in the background was the specter of MP3, a popular format for posting and **downloading** music on the Web. In the past, industry executives have complained bitterly that people are taking...

...royalties to the artists or record labels.

The industry has had a difficult time combating **piracy** because of the ease with which violators can establish or shut down Web sites with **pirated** music.

Recording executives declined Tuesday to speculate how much they are losing to online **pirating**.

Few record companies voluntarily put their music online via MP3 because there's currently no way to keep it from being **pirated**. But with new security technology, the major labels would be more inclined to put their...

...said SDMI has been spurred by Rio, a \$200 Walkman-size device that can play MP3 music **downloaded** from the Internet with CD-quality sound. The RIAA unsuccessfully sued to bar Rio from the market, saying it encouraged music **pirating**.

"Here comes a means for **downloading** music and putting it on a device where you can hear real sound quality," Iser said...
...a technology market research firm, said SDMI could prove an effective way to slow down **pirating**.

"What the industry needs badly is to create an alternative to **pirated** music online. Then they could come out and say, 'Look, the

quality is guaranteed and don't support **pirated** music because you are stealing money from your favorite artist," he said.

What the industry envisions is a variety of hardware and software products that make **downloading music** easy, but **copying** it difficult, said Cary Sherman, senior executive vice president for the RIAA.

For instance buyers...

...Web site and pay via credit card to download Jewel's latest album to their **computers**. For one **price** they could download a version that could be copied just once onto a single CD...

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Internet Trends: CMB Software Tackles The Online Content Challenge

Robert Lau

ASIA COMPUTER WEEKLY

November 22, 1999

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...as content publishers.

Whether the goal is a profitable new online content business or a cost-effective way to meet customer demand for online content delivery, customer management and **billing** services are critical.

Providers need to offer real time access control based on account activity...

...different ways.

For example, a content provider or publisher may be supporting both free and fee-for-service subscribers. Where the content is copyright, remittances may need to be paid to...

...only one of many IP services offered. The provider must select a customer management and **billing** platform that can meet these challenges, grow with the business and integrate with existing applications.

CMB software

Fortunately, some vendors have developed customer management and **billing** (CMB) software for that purpose. Portal Infranet is one such solution.

The online content provider...

...provider can capture useful demographic data such as income level and interests.

Customer management and **billing** software provides account creation, Infranet will provide the publishing system with the information needed to...

...This is the basis of real time control over content access. Does the user have **access rights** to premium content? How many articles per month may be downloaded? Are there time-of...

...later.

Once customer access begins, events are passed from the content delivery system to the **billing** system. Such software can track any type of activity and update both monetary account balances and non-monetary balances, such as megabytes **downloaded**, **songs downloaded**, **number of articles downloaded** or games played.

Rating activity can create changes in account status that are of interest...

...his last free download for the month and must purchase further services.

Support For Different Pricing Models

Content **billing** systems must support a variety of pricing models including one-time access fees, recurring subscriptions, charges per item, and premiums or discounts based on content type of other...

...cross-service discounts and promotions.

Common to all providers is the fact that the initial **pricing** models will change in response to competition, market evolution and the introduction of new services. So the **billing** system must be able to cope with rapid **price** and structural changes.

Just as important, these changes must be easy for relatively unskilled operators to implement, without additional programming.

Online content is typically **billed** on a subscription or fee-per-download basis, using credit card, **invoice** or direct debit.

Charging a subscriber's credit card for micro-payments often involving sums...

...is cost prohibitive because of the minimum **fees** charged by credit card companies. So the **billing** system must be able to accumulate small charges and **bill** the subscriber in aggregate on a periodic basis. Another solution is for the **billing** system to administer a prepaid customer 'wallet' from which the customer can draw funds to...

...Party Providers

With CMB software, third-party providers can be established as accounts in the **billing** database and credits can occur in real time during the rating process or as part of the **billing** cycle. This enables providers that manage access to third-party content to pay the content number of accesses or other criteria.

Needless to say, the customer management and **billing** system must offer very flexible reporting to accommodate all the possible permutations of business model...

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Yael Li-Ron
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...stipulations -- consumers will specify for how long they'd want to
listen to the purchased music, and how many
copies they'll be allowed to make of it. Phase II of the spec will
apply...

...argues that the recording industry should profit from the sales of music
tracks, and that piracy, which is the most prevalent form of MP3
distribution today, should be stopped. The question...

...settle for SDMI, and the recording industry will finally recapture its
market. Until then, the piracy will continue, and there's nothing
anybody can do about it.

Following last week's...

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Science and Technology: Digital rights and wrongs: Protecting electronic property: Computers were supposed to be threatening copyright. Instead, they may end up making it stronger

ECONOMIST

July 17, 1999

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...of illegal copies of newly released songs, these devices are supposed to understand predetermined digital-usage rights. The scheme's "default" setting is that people should not be able to own more...

...copyright. They could decide, for example, how often consumers would be allowed to play a song, how many copies they could make of it and if they should be able to upload it on...

...home" to a special Internet clearing-house to arrange for the payment of a suitable fee.

Mine, all mine

Digital-rights-management systems are built around a concept that Mark Stefik...

...far is Intertrust's technology. It allows creators, publishers and distributors to attach not just usage rights to their content, but business rules such as tailored pricing. With a software tool called Commerce Modeler, content creators can, for example, permit users to...

...publisher uploads its content on to one of the company's computers, it sets the price and defines, for example, whether the product can also be saved or printed by any...

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InterTrust Announces Internet and In-Store Kiosk Music Vending Solution; New Commerce 1.0 Addresses Music Piracy, Sales Channel, and Commerce Model Issues

NEW YORK--(BUSINESS WIRE)--July 13, 1998--InterTrust Technologies Corporation today announced support for Internet and in-store kiosk music vending using InterTrust(TM) Commerce 1.0, a digital commerce system. The recently announced system enables artists, producers, and retailers to package, sell, and deliver music over the Internet or in-store music kiosk vending machines. Commerce 1.0 solves three music industry problems relating to online distribution of music - piracy, distribution channel support, and new commerce models for the online sales channel.

InterTrust Commerce 1.0 is a digital commerce system that enables music and other digital information to be packaged, sold, and delivered via the Internet or any digital medium with persistent protection, distribution channel support, superdistribution, and easy commerce modeling.

The system with music vending capabilities will be publicly shown for the first time at the Jupiter Plug.in Conference on July 15-16, 1998, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in New York. In a related announcement, InterTrust announced receipt of an export license for its Commerce 1.0 and Enterprise 1.0 products.

"Internet music sales and fulfillment require positive, satisfying user experiences, superior economic value, and effective securing of all participant interests," said Victor Shear, founder and chief executive officer of InterTrust. "All relevant parties must be paid, and commercial processes must be transparent and trivially easy to use."

Shear added, "Today's announcement by InterTrust sets the stage for successful Internet, DVD, and in-store music distribution models. With Commerce 1.0, the industry will be able to profoundly increase its sales and profits while simultaneously reducing the risks of piracy, fraud, and security breaches."

Addressing Music Industry Issues

InterTrust Commerce 1.0 addresses three fundamental music industry problems associated with digital music distribution:

-- Piracy: InterTrust's persistent protection is the result of

industry leading technology inventions that prevent widespread theft and copying, such as posting of digital music masters on the Internet.

-- Distribution Channel Support: InterTrust's value chain capability

allows distribution channel partners to be included in the sales and commissions from Internet-based sales and fulfillment.

-- New Online Commerce Models: InterTrust's Commerce Modeler(TM)

product enables music industry developers to readily incorporate elements associated with cross-merchandising, promotion, direct response marketing, and event coordination related to the sale of music.

Internet Music Market

Internet music sales were \$37 million in 1997, according to the Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA). Sales for 1998 are forecast to increase to \$179 million and then grow to \$2.8 billion in 2002, according to Jupiter Communications, a New York-based market research firm.

The growth in sales will be fueled by the transition from physical fulfillment to Internet-based fulfillment of music sales. Internet-based fulfillment will require increased consumer Internet bandwidth and the adoption of software to protect the rights of music creators, publishers, distributors, and sellers.

"Music companies can take advantage of Commerce 1.0 now to market to college students and upscale consumers with high-bandwidth Internet access at home, school, or work," said Joseph W. Jennings, senior vice president, Marketing, InterTrust Technology Corp. "Whether you want to sell through in-store kiosks or over the Web, Commerce 1.0 allows music vending to be protected, efficient, and highly flexible."

Commerce 1.0 for Internet and In-Store Kiosk Music Sales

Using Commerce 1.0, consumers will download an InterRights(TM) Point, establish their RightsWallet(TM), select music from both websites and kiosks, and receive music in a DigiBox(TM) container on a purchase, pay-per-use, pay-to-own, or rental basis. They can save their music, for example, to a hard drive, Recordable CD, flash RAM, or DVD-RAM disc, while maintaining persistent protection of creative, publishing, and distribution rights.

Consumers can receive incentives to pass along music to friends for purchase and use, and can receive cross promotions for other music, merchandise, tickets, or music videos. Payment and usage information is collected either online or through passing aggregated micro-transaction information to an InterTrust payment and usage processing partner. Payment is then disaggregated and parsed to value chain members: stores, distributors, record companies, artists, agents, etc.

The Commerce 1.0 system uniquely delivers the persistent protection, easy business modeling, usage auditing, and payment processing necessary for efficient digital commerce on the Internet or in-store music kiosk. It is compatible with, and makes safe, music industry encoding standards, including AAC, MP3, Twin-VQ, AVI, WAV, AC3, and Red Book.

Music industry developers can use, if desired, third-party payment and usage processing center partners such as Rights Exchange, Inc. (formerly SOFTBANK Net Solutions) or Mitsubishi Corporation for information and payment processing services, allowing fast time-to-market.

Consumer systems currently require Microsoft Windows(R) 95 or NT(R) 4.0 and 5 MB minimum disk space. Commerce infrastructure and processing requires Microsoft NT 4.0 or Sun Solaris(TM) 2.5.1. Platforms under development include Windows CE, Windows 98, Microsoft NT 5.0, and Java.

"If your developers can use Visual Basic, they can readily build sophisticated music marketing, selling, and fulfillment systems," said Richard Landsman, InterTrust vice president of engineering. "Whether creating a vending application for the Internet or in-store kiosk, InterTrust is the only software available that can persistently protect your content, pay your partners, and track usage over a wide range of consumers worldwide, as well as generally automate asset management."

The Company

InterTrust is the digital commerce and information security company. It has shipped digital commerce systems for building commerce, enterprise, and extranet solutions. InterTrust enables partners and customers to quickly respond to new business conditions, digital distribution channels, and enterprise business relationships with protected, efficient, and flexible systems.

The InterTrust Strategic Technologies and Architectural Research Laboratory (STAR Lab) is the leading digital commerce and information security research lab.

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**SIGNAL REPRODUCING DEVICE, SIGNAL RECORDING DEVICE, SIGNAL RECORDING SYSTEM,
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H04N-007/088

ABSTRACT

PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To provide the signal reproducing device that records generation limit information such as a token and a ticket included in digital **data** onto a medium in a form of analog signals.

SOLUTION: The reproducing device 20 reproduces image **data** or the like where copyright control information for copying limit purpose is superimposed by digital **watermark** processing and a ticket representing generation limit information denoting number of **times** of possible **copying** or reproduction from a source disk S. The reproducing device 20 converts the image **data** or the like into base band analog **data** and detects the ticket. The reproducing device 20 superimposes the detected ticket on an audio signal by digital **watermark** processing and provides an output of an analog base band signal.

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International Class: G11B-020/10; G09C-001/00; G09C-001/00; G09C-005/00; H04L-009/32; H04N-001/387; H04N-005/91; H04N-007/08; H04N-007/081

ABSTRACT

PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To control copying propriety and the number of copying times and to protect a copyright by embedding prohibition information into data, such as videos and voices.

SOLUTION: The prohibition information 31 is embedded into the videos and permission information 32 is embedded therein by using digital signature, etc., if N times of copying is okay. At the time of reproduction of the data, the presence or absence of the permission information 32 is investigated and a permission flag is set at a 1 or 0. If the permission flag is 1, the permission information 32 is deleted and the copying of the data is made possible. If the permission flag is 0, the prohibition information 31 is detected. A prohibition flag is then made 1 or 0. If the prohibition flag is 1, a copying okay or denial flag is set at the 0 and the copying of the data is prohibited.

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WPI Acc no: 1999-436725/199937

XRPX Acc No: N1999-326044

Signal reproducing apparatus for optical disk - outputs base band signal of superimposed analog signal with generation limitation information

Patent Assignee: SONY CORP (SONY)

Inventor: EZAKI T; KIMURA Y; KORI T; OGINO A

Patent Family (2 patents, 2 countries)

Patent Number	Kind	Date	Application Number	Kind	Date	Update	Type
JP 11177924	A	19990702	JP 1997340252	A	19971210	199937	B
US 6526510	B1	20030225	US 1998207299	A	19981208	200323	E

Priority Applications (no., kind, date): JP 1997340252 A 19971210

Patent Details

Patent Number	Kind	Lan	Pgs	Draw	Filing Notes
JP 11177924	A	JA	19	7	

Alerting Abstract JP A

NOVELTY - The reproducing apparatus (20) converts digital **data** such as image **data** received by a receiving unit into analog signal of baseband. The generation limitation information which shows the frequency which can be copied or reproduced is generated and is superimposed on the analog signal of baseband by **watermark** process and is output by an output unit. DETAILED DESCRIPTION - INDEPENDENT CLAIMS are also included for the following: signal recording device; signal recording system; signal regeneration method; signal recording method USE - For reproducing signals such as image, **music data** from optical disk.

ADVANTAGE - Achieves high copyright protection. Analog signal can be superimposed without interfering with copyright information. DESCRIPTION OF DRAWING(S) - The figure shows the block diagram of optical disk recording system. (20) Reproducing apparatus.

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WPI Acc no: 1998-599610/199851

XRPX Acc No: N1998-467000

Digital database distribution management method - involves computing service fee information using decoded utilisation information based on which service fee allocation is carried out

Patent Assignee: SONY CORP (SONY)

Inventor: MAARI K

Patent Family (4 patents, 2 countries)

Patent Number	Kind	Date	Application Number	Kind	Date	Update	Type
JP 10269289	A	19981009	JP 199774182	A	19970326	199851	B
US 20040073451	A1	20040415	US 199846693	A	19980324	200426	E
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US 20040107167	A1	20040603	US 199846693	A	19980324	200436	E
			US 2003690747	A	20031022		
US 7120604	B2	20061010	US 199846693	A	19980324	200667	E
			US 2003690747	A	20031022		

Priority Applications (no., kind, date): JP 199774182 A 19970326

Patent Details

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US 20040107167	A1	EN			Division of application	US 199846693
US 7120604	B2	EN			Division of application	US 199846693

Alerting Abstract JP A

The method involves encrypting digital data using specific encryption key. The encrypted data is transmitted to requested party based on the received transmission demand. The encrypted data is decoded using the encryption key and is transmitted. The billing information corresponding to the utilised digital data for every user is determined based on the transmitted data.

The determined billing information is then transmitted to the corresponding user. The utilisation information received by user is judged and decoded. The service fee for the utilised information to be collected from the respective user is determined based on the decoded data. Then allocation of service fee is carried out.

ADVANTAGE - Prevents copy or unauthorised usage of digital data.

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Systems and methods for secure transaction management and electronic rights protection

Systeme und Verfahren zur gesicherten Transaktionsverwaltung und elektronischem Rechtsschutz

Systemes et procedes de gestion de transactions securisees et de protection de droits electroniques

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Patent	EP	1431864	A2	20040623	(Basic)
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Application	EP	2004075701		19960213	
Priorities	US	388107		19950213	

Designated States:

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IT; LI; LU; MC; NL; PT; SE;

Related Parent Numbers: Patent (Application):EP 861461 (EP 96922371)

International Patent Class (V7): G06F-001/00; G06F-017/60**Abstract Word Count:** 151

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Publication: English			
Procedural: English			
Application: English			

Available Text	Language	Update	Word Count
CLAIMS A	(English)	200426	1450
SPEC A	(English)	200426	166929
Total Word Count (Document A) 168379			

Total Word Count (Document B) 0
Total Word Count (All Documents) 168379

Specification: ...charge for events. It records and reports payment information.

Budget process 408 limits how much **content** usage is permitted. For example, budget process 408 may limit the number of times **content** may be accessed or **copied**, or it may available elsewhere such as in other containers at remote sites. Container 302 may reference items available at different **times** or only during limited times. Some items may be too large to store within container... ..for example, be delivered to the user in the form of a "live feed" of **video** at a certain time. Even then, the container 302 "contains" the live feed (by reference) in this example.

Container 302 may contain information **content** 304 in electronic (such as "digital") form. Information **content** 304 could be the text of a novel, a picture, sound such as a **musical** performance or a reading, a movie or other **video**, computer software, or just about any other kind of electronic information you can think of...

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SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR SECURE TRANSACTION MANAGEMENT AND ELECTRONIC RIGHTS PROTECTION

SYSTEMES ET PROCEDES DE GESTION SECURISEE DE TRANSACTIONS ET DE PROTECTION ELECTRONIQUE DES DROITS

Patent Applicant/Patent Assignee:

• **ELECTRONIC PUBLISHING RESOURCES INC;**

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	Country	Number	Kind	Date
Patent	WO	9627155	A2	19960906
Application	WO	96US2303		19960213
Priorities	US	95388107		19950213

Designated States: (All protection types applied unless otherwise stated - for applications 2004+)

Publication Language: English

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Detailed Description:

...53B show an example of an EVENT

method;

FIGURE 53C shows an example of a **BILLING** method;

FIGURE 54 shows an example of an **ACCESS** method;

FIGURES 55A-55B show examples of **DECRYPT** and

ENCRYPT methods;

FIGURE 56 shows an example of a **CONTENT** method;

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FIGURES 57A and 57B show examples of **EXTRACT** and

EMBED methods;

FIGURE 58A...

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Will Cable Unplug the File Swappers?: New pricing
plans for broadband use could make downloading pirated music and movies
a prohibitively costly habit

By Jane Black in New York

Business Week Online, 20020613, Pg 0

June 13, 2002

JOURNAL CODE: BWON

SECTION HEADING: Daily Briefing

WORD COUNT: 1,145

TEXT:

... says Kelly Truelove, an independent P2P expert. "If a critical mass of
broadband providers institute pricing structures that make
people sensitive to the amount of data they transmit,
there will be less sharing."

RUNNING FOR COVER. The cable companies' adoption of new pricing
strategies has less to do with stopping piracy than with economics
and business models. At an average monthly cost of \$45, broadband is...

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Technology keeps the music flowing

Fernandes, Lorna

Business Journal-San Jose (San Jose , CA , US) , V 15 N 26 p 16

Publication Date: 971027

Word Count: 1,112

Dateline: Redwood City, CA, US, Pacific

Text:

...music as it is streaming to a user's computer via the Internet is a "**watermarked**" code that records identifying information like the credit card number of the person **downloading the music**.

If the **music is duplicated** for sale without permission, the **pirated** copy displays the name, address and credit card number of the original culprit to all...

...for," Mr. Patterson said. "Out of all the players, Liquid Audio had the strongest package: **watermarking** abilities and encryption. The two together act as a force."

IUMA no longer provides songs...

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Diversinet Corp. Offers Secure Permit Technology As Music Industry Seeks To Embrace MP3.

Business Wire , p 0195

Feb 25 , 1999

Language: English **Record Type:** Fulltext

Document Type: Newswire ; Trade

Word Count: 559

...offer music to consumers using public networks, such as the Internet, without being exposed to **piracy** and **illegal copying**.

Songs can be provided to consumers on a limited (two days or one week, for example...

...copies. When Diversinet's authentication and authorization technology is used, consumers would be able to **download music** only to pre-authenticated devices that have been encoded with the same Diversinet technology. Consumers...

...the music for the time period allotted either at no cost or for a small **fee**, to be **determined** by the content provider. Consumers with devices that have not already been encoded with the...

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InterTrust Announces Internet and In-Store Kiosk Music Vending Solution

PR Newswire , p 713SFM061

July 13 , 1998

Language: English **Record Type:** Fulltext

Article Type: Article

Document Type: Newswire ; Trade

Word Count: 1083

...in the sales and commissions from Internet-based sales and fulfillment.

* New Online Commerce Models: **InterTrust's Commerce**

Modeler(TM) product enables music industry developers to readily incorporate elements associated with cross-merchandising, promotion...

...Research Laboratory (STAR Lab) is the leading digital commerce and information security research lab.

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WPI Acc no: 2005-785005/200580

Related WPI Acc No: 2001-366926; 2005-767678

XRPX Acc No: N2005-649972

Information processing apparatus for computing pricing index, transmits notification to information processing apparatus, calculating number of times audio visual contents are transmitted

Patent Assignee: SONY CORP (SONY)

Inventor: **HIRAYAMA T; TOMITA H**

Patent Family (1 patents, 1 countries)

Patent Number	Kind	Date	Application Number	Kind	Date	Update	Type
US 20050251484	A1	20051110	US 2000729568	A	20001204	200580	B
			US 2005177382	A	20050711		

Priority Applications (no., kind, date): JP 1999349775 A 19991209

Patent Details

Patent Number	Kind	Lan	Pgs	Draw	Filing Notes	
US 20050251484	A1	EN	24	16	Division of application	US 2000729568

Alerting Abstract US A1

NOVELTY - The apparatus has a transmitter that transmits audio visual information from holding information to the request-issuing information processing apparatus over a network. A transmitter transmits a notification to information processing apparatus, indicating the calculated number of times that the audio-visual contents have been transmitted.

DESCRIPTION - INDEPENDENT CLAIMS are also included for the following:

- information processing method; and
- storage medium storing information processing program.

USE - For computing pricing index for requested audio visual information which is electronically copied.

ADVANTAGE - It is possible to compute accurately and quickly the pricing indexes of the information contents that are exchanged over a networks.

DESCRIPTION OF DRAWINGS - The figure shows a flowchart of steps performed by the player.

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WPI Acc no: 2005-767678/200578

Related WPI Acc No: 2001-366926; 2005-785005

XRPX Acc No: N2005-633852

Pricing information processing apparatus e.g. for audio visual information, transmits notification indicating that information acquired from internet are reproduced, to another information processing apparatus managing reproduction count

Patent Assignee: SONY CORP (SONY)

Inventor: **HIRAYAMA T; TOMITA H**

Patent Family (1 patents, 1 countries)

Patent Number	Kind	Date	Application Number	Kind	Date	Update	Type
US 20050246380	A1	20051103	US 2000729568	A	20001204	200578	B
			US 2005177296	A	20050711		

Priority Applications (no., kind, date): JP 1999349775 A 19991209

Patent Details

Patent Number	Kind	Lan	Pgs	Draw	Filing Notes	
US 20050246380	A1	EN	24	16	Division of application	US 2000729568

Alerting Abstract US A1

NOVELTY - A transmitter transmits a notification indicating that information acquired from internet are reproduced by player, to another information processing apparatus managing reproduction count.

DESCRIPTION - INDEPENDENT CLAIMS are also included for the following:

- pricing information processing method; and
- storage medium storing pricing information processing program.

USE - For processing pricing information such as audio visual (AV) information.

ADVANTAGE - Computes reproduction count and demand for information exchanged over internet, accurately and quickly.

DESCRIPTION OF DRAWINGS - The figure shows a block diagram of the network system.

1 pricing agent

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WPI Acc no: 2001-366926/200138

Related WPI Acc No: 2005-767678; 2005-785005

XRPX Acc No: N2001-267725

Information processing apparatus for computing a pricing index as a basis for pricing information such as audio-visual information that can be electronically copied by counting

Patent Assignee: SONY CORP (SONY)

Inventor: **HIRAYAMA T; TOMITA H; TOMITA T**

Patent Family (4 patents, 29 countries)

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NOVELTY - The information processing apparatus (1) consists of an acquiring element (11) that acquires the number of times information contents are downloaded over a network (2) and a second acquiring element (12) that acquires the number of times the information contents has been reproduced. A computing element (13) then calculates a pricing index for the information contents based on the number of times the information contents has been downloaded and on the number of times the information contents have been reproduced as acquired by the second acquiring element.

DESCRIPTION - INDEPENDENT CLAIMS are included for:

- an information processing method and
- a storage medium storing a computer program for computing a pricing index.

USE - Apparatus for calculating the price index of electronically reproducible content such as audio-visual data.

ADVANTAGE - The pricing index creates a tangible method of quantifying the demand of electronic content in a network system.

DESCRIPTION OF DRAWINGS - The drawing shows a block diagram of a network.

1 Pricing System

2 Network, e.g. the Internet

11 first acquiring information

12 Second acquiring information

13 Computing element.

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